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STORAGE OF FOOD ITEMS IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new food packet scheme has been introduced by the railways in view of constant fall in catering facilities available to rail passengers in the country as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated April 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce the scheme in all long route trains ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether quality of such food is being checked; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has issued stringent norms to their licensees for keeping pantry cars clean and in hygienic condition. Third party audit is also conducted apart from regular inspection by officials of Railways and IRCTC to check improvement of cleanliness in pantry car.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.